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(Guatemala-Moscow's Regional Headquarters for the Americas)

The communists, at whose orders Arbenz transforms our country faster and faster into a Soviet "paradise," are obviously ashemed of their own name: they have changed the name of their party from Communist Party into "Partido Guate-malteco del Trabajo." They try every possible deceipt to convince you that they are only concerned with the welfare of our people, with the agrarian reform, with higher wages for the workers, with better education for our youth and so forth. In other words, they pretend that they are a honest, democratic, patriotic Guatemalan party and by no means a "foreign or internationally controlled" group—because in this case, they would have to be forbidden under Article 32 of our constitution and this is obviously the last thing, Senor Arbens, Moscow's faithful servent, wants to do.

The truth, however, is entirely different. The truth is that the RIT, the Communist Party of Guatemala, is just another of the 70 national branches of the world-wide communist conspiracy which takes its orders from Moscow, receives its funds from Moscow, sends its leaders to Moscow (or other places behind the Iron Curtain) where they are being trained in the fine arts of subversion, civil war, secret police methods, kidnapping, assassination—all the tricks of the trade which we have seen them practice in our country and elsewhere for quite some years now.

Fortuny, Gutierres, Alvarado and the other bosses of the Communist Party in Guatemala have repeatedly in the last two years either travelled to Russia or met Hoscow's emissaries elsewhere (under the disguise of "peace," "youth," "trade union" or other meetings) and have even received the planipotentiaries of their Moscow paymasters and superiors in their very homes and offices right here, in our country.

Until two years ago, Moscow's regional headquarters for all the Americas had been in Cuba. Now, however, since the Cuban authorities have made it too difficult for foreign communists to come and to go and to ply their neferious trade on that island, this headquarters has been transferred to Guatemala. Our embassies and legations abroad finance political conspiracies, foment strikes and carry out all the other subversive orders which Arbens is given by Moscow. Our country harbors leftist exile groups from all over Central America who, with the money and the arms furnished them by the Arbens regime, plot here for the benefit of Moscow's subversive schemes. Our country is also the home base of the Caribbean Legion, illegal shock troop to perpetuate unrest in neighboring countries—which again serves the communist purposes well.

Conclusive evidence of the prominent role for which our country has been singled out by Moscow is the recent foundation of the SOCIEDAD AMIGOSADE GUATE-MAIA in Panama, to be followed by the establishment of similar societies everywhere in Central and South America. This society was set up last February under the auspices of the Communist Party of Panama ("Partido del Pueblo") and of the communist-controlled Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores de la Republica de Panama with the active help of the Gustemalan Ambassador in Panama, Ramiro

Cereda Asturias. Its purpose and its very name follow closely the example set in other parts of the world by "Societies for Friendship with the Soviet Union." There is a GESELISCHAFT FUER DEUTSCH-SOWJETISCHE FREUNDSCHAFT (Society for German-Soviet Friendship) in Germany, an ASSOCIATION FRANCE-USSR in France, a COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN-SOWIET FRIENDSHIP in New York-end all these organizations, lavishly financed by the Soviet Government, are major centers of communist propaganda disguised as "cultural relations with Russia." It is obvious that Guatemala is to play exactly the same role in Latin America which Russia plays more openly in Europe and elsewhere.

If further proof were still needed, look at the preparations for the "Festival of Friendship of Youth of Central America and the Caribbean," scheduled to take place in Guatemala City coming September 12-19. This is to be a monster youth and student rally under communist control and all open or disguised communist organizations throughout the hemisphere, including the above mentioned Sociedad Amigos de Guatemala, are already very busy to make this rally an effective show of communist impact upon the youth of the Americas. This again is by no means an original idea of the local mercensries of Moscow, of Fortuny, Gutierrez and Co: similar youth rallies for "international friendship" have been held under communist auspices already in the Soviet sector of Berlin (Germany), in Budapest (Hungary) and last year in Bucharest (Rumania) — that is, always in Soviet satellite countries. This year's, it is our turn.....

Still another clear sign of the prominent role which our country plays in Moscow's plans for world-wide subversion and conquest is the great amount of attention which Radio Moscow has been recently paying to all Guatemalan affairs. One of our close friends who specializes in listening to the outpourings of that most powerful broadcasting station of world communism informs us that not only its Spanish-language programs, but even its Russian-language news commentaries for their home audiences, mention Guatemala every other day, giving elaborate publicity to every smide remark made by Toriello, to every gesture of Arbanz, even quoting the hysterical little editorials of the DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA.

This generous interest of Radio Moscow emerged suddenly, a few months ago. It is therefore not a sign of genuine appreciation of the significance of developments in our part of the world, but only a hy-product of the Kremlin's decision to base its next aggressive moves in the Western Homisphere on our homeland.

Which conclusions do you draw from the facts which we have just briefly outlined? We are obviously faced with a double threat: on the one hand, the government and administration of Guatemala, our entire political and economic system, are rapidly falling under complete communist control, threatening to turn our homeland into another "Soviet paradise;" on the other hand, however, since Guatemala has been selected to be Moscow's spring-board in the Americas, we all shall unquestionably be blamed for whatever communist-provoked unrest will creep from our soil into other Central and Sputh American republics. This means at the very least increasing distrust and isolation from all our friends and neighbors throughout the Americas. More likely, it will also mean defensive steps by all those who are

threatened by this new wave of communist subversion, emanating from Guatemala—but we do not want any foreign intervention against a Guatemalan government, even though we fully understand that this government is provoking such threats of retaliation as the inevitable result of its aggressive foreign policy: in order to avoid such intervention we must put our own house in order, while there is time.

As a first, immediate reply to this international conspiracy of communists and Arbenzistas, we urge you to boycott this regime and the parties and organisations which support it. Do not join any of them, do not buy their newspapers, do not attend their rallies and parades, refuse to listen to their lying propaganda, refuse to make any contributions to their funds and their campaigns!

Bewere of their provocations! Do not engage in any individual acts of violence: only democratic self-discipline can save our country in its grave peril. Watch and wait for our further instructions!